

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Title: COMPUTER MOUSE WITH ANALOG BUTTONS

Dear Sir,

REMARKS:

I have a related co-pending U.S. non-provisional patent application titled "GAME CONTROLLER WITH ANALOG PRESSURE SENSOR(S)" filed Oct. 1, 1997, serial number 08/942,450, and which claims the benefit of a Provisional application of the same title filed Sept. 17, 1997, serial number 60/059,125. The sensors of the related applications are variable-conductance sensors which are incorporated in a two handed remote game controller host device. I am not at this time claiming the priority of the earlier filing date of my application 08/942,450 for the instant application.

I also have another co-pending U.S. non-provisional patent application titled VARIABLE-CONDUCTANCE SENSOR filed June 29, 1998, serial number 09/106,825. I am not at this time claiming the priority of the earlier filing date of my application 09/106,825 for the instant application.

I also have yet another co-pending U.S. non-provisional patent application titled VARIABLE-CONDUCTANCE SENSOR WITH ELASTOMERIC DOME-CAP which was filed by the express mail process on July 24, 1998 which should be the filing date therefore, but I have not yet been notified of the serial number or art unit. I am not at this time claiming the priority of the earlier filing date of this earlier application of mine for the instant application.

I also have yet another co-pending U.S. non-provisional patent application titled REMOTE CONTROLLER WITH ANALOG BUTTON(S) which was filed by the express mail process on Sept. 4, 1998 which should be the filing date therefore, but I have not yet been notified of the serial number or art unit. I am not at this time claiming the priority of the earlier filing date of this earlier application of mine for the instant application.

At any time when the Patent Examiner believes the claiming of the benefit of the earlier filing date of any of the above applications for the instant application would be helpful in advancing the instant application toward allowance, the forwarding of such information to applicant would be appreciated.

I believe the present claimed invention is patentable over the known prior art addressed in the instant application. I also believe the present invention is patentable over the inventions of my above mentioned co-pending applications, but wish the issues pertaining to Double Patenting be carefully considered by the PTO Examiners, as I want everything to be proper when my applications issue as U.S. Patents. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Respectfully;


Brad A. Armstrong, Inventor/Applicant

Date:

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